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# **SCOTTSDALE SECRETARY CHARGED WITH DEFRAUDING HER EMPLOYERS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that a federal grand jury at Phoenix, Arizona, returned a 22 count indictment against Sharon Kay Kelley, 52, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that Kelley devised a scheme to defraud her employers of their right to her honest services, and used false statements and pretenses to obtain property and money. It alleges she used the mail and interstate wire communications to carry out the scheme. It also alleges that she made false statements to a federally insured bank, and misused a Social Security Number.

According to the indictment, Kelley worked in the Phoenix office of Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a human resources firm based in Bethesda, Maryland, from 1996 to 1999, and DCI Group, LLC, a consulting firm with offices in Phoenix and Washington, DC., from March 2001 to February 2002. A warrant was issued for her arrest following the indictment, and she was arrested today, April 11, 2002, and has an Initial Appearance set for 11:00 a.m. before United States Magistrate Judge Morton Sitver.

The federal indictment charges Kelley with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Sections 1341 and 1346 (Mail Fraud), 1343 and 1346 (Wire Fraud), 2314 (Interstate Transportation of Stolen Goods),

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1014 (False Statements to a Bank), and Title 42 United States Code, Section 408(a)(7)(B) (Misuse of a Social Security Account Number) .

A conviction for False Statements to a Bank carries a maximum penalty of 30 years, a \$1,000,000 fine or both; a conviction for Interstate Transportation of Stolen Goods carries a maximum penalty of 10 years, a \$250,000 fine, or both; and, a conviction for Mail Fraud, Wire Fraud, and Misuse of a Social Security Account Number carries a maximum penalty of 5 years, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The prosecution is being handled by Daniel R. Drake, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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